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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE MARCH 22, FROM ATHENS
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1666

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARAB GOVTS SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT FAREWELL PARTY SOVIET AMBASSADOR
LEVITCHKINE GAVE FOR HIMSELF TO PASS ON TO DEPARTING UAR
AMBASSADOR KAMEL PROFOUND DAMAGE BSO TERRORISTS DOING TO
ARAB CAUSE. IN FACT I OBSERVED THEIR ACTIONS OVER PAST YEARS
MADE CLEAR COMPLETE IRRESPONSIBILITY OF GROUP AND
THEIR DETERMINATION TO BLOCK ANY PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. KAMEL, WHO
HAS EXPRESSED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FRIENDSHIP OF EGYPTIAN
PEOPLE FOR USA, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT SOVIETS BEHIND
BSO BECAUSE HE CERTAIN THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PEACE
WHICH THEY FEEL WOULD BE A THREAT TO THEIR POSITION IN
MIDDLE EAST. THIS IS FIRST TIME KAMEL HAS DIRECTLY
CRITICIZED SOVIETS TO ME AND I BELIEVE IT PRIMARILY
INTENDED FOR TRANSMISSION TO USG. HOWEVER, I ALSO BELIEVE
IT REFLECTS BASIC EGYPTIAN DISTRUST AND DISLIKE OF SOVIETS.

2. AMBASSADOR KAMEL IS RETURNING SHORTLY TO MFA IN SENIOR
CAPACITY. WE UNDERSTAND HE IS TO BE UNDER MINISTER, BUT
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WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CAIRO INFOR ON THIS. WE CONSIDER HIM
TO HAVE BEEN AN EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR. I BELIEVE HIM QUITE
FRIENDLY TO THE U. S. AND GENUINELY INTERESTED IN SEEING
NORMAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS. TASCA UNQUOTE ROGERS

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